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## PAUL SIMMONS DISAPPEARS

Believed to Have Committed Suicide in Fit of Despondency—Was Resident of Dallas.

"You need not look for me; I've got consumption and can't be cured, and I'm going into the woods and kill myself."

This is what Paul Simmons, aged 22 years, wrote Tuesday to his mother, Mrs. A. E. Simmons, and his sister, Mrs. M. C. Weatherford, of Roseburg, and also to his brother, W. Z. Simmons, who resides at Wilbur, eight miles north of Roseburg. The letter by Simmons at Salem and the letter to his mother at Eugene. Simmons has been working in a blacksmith shop at Dallas, Polk county.

The police at Eugene and Salem were notified to search for Simmons. They have been unsuccessful, and his relatives think he has ended his life, although they scout the idea that he had consumption.

On the day that he wrote to his relatives Simmons also sent his personal effects to Roseburg. A violin he consigned to his brother by express and a trunk and telescope valise arrived as baggage, the checks for which were inclosed in the letter to his sister. The letter received by Simmons' mother contained a money order purchased at Eugene and some small change. Simmons' personal description follows:

Nearly 6 feet high, weight 165 pounds, blue eyes, dark hair, medium complexion and smooth shaven.—Salem Statesman.

Fred J. Wagner, proprietor of the Wagner Implement Shop in this city, says that Simmons entered his employ early last spring and during the whole of the time he was with him proved to be a sober and steady young man and an excellent workman. His health however was poor, and he gradually grew worse until it was impossible for him to continue his work and he asked employer for a three weeks' lay off, hoping that after he had rested awhile he might be able to resume his place.

He left Dallas a week ago last Saturday, and from that time Mr. Wagner heard no news of him, until the report of his supposed suicide appeared in the Friday papers last week.

### Light Attack of Smallpox.

Professor D. M. Metzger is confined to the detention hospital in Portland by a light attack of smallpox. A short time ago Mr. Metzger paid a visit to the Rev. A. A. Winter, pastor of the First Evangelical Church of Portland, who was quite ill at the time although the nature of his malady had not yet been discovered. It later developed that Mr. Winter was suffering from an attack of smallpox, and Mr. Metzger is supposed to have contracted the disease at that time. Mr. Winter has already recovered and has been released from the hospital, and Professor Metzger is reported to be doing nicely. The Rev. M. J. Ballantyne will fill his appointment at Troutdale each Sunday during his illness.

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## ECHOES FROM ENCAMPMENT

Member of Company H Gives Impressions of the Work of the Dallas Troops.

Company H is undoubtedly having a good time at the encampment at American Lake. Its members enjoying themselves as only a crowd of American young men out on a semi-holiday occasion can enjoy themselves. The sun is hot out near the Lake, and the drill work is none too light, but such is the spirit of the young guardsmen, that they can turn their work into play, and get an abundance of amusement out of even the most trying circumstances.

A few notes taken by one of them, serves to give a good impression of the way they are enjoying themselves, and will no doubt prove interesting and entertaining to the many friends of the young men, who are numbered among those "left behind." The correspondent says:

"Company H is making good. The officers and men of the organization have been personally complimented by Major Hammond, the battalion chief, on their splendid appearance and excellent work."

"After reaching camp Monday night, the remainder of the time until 'taps' was spent pitching tents and making camp. Privates Teats and Blodgett had the misfortune to lose their hats while enroute from Portland to Tacoma and have in consequence been compelled to stay in the kitchen detail, for the sun is hot on bare heads here at the Lake."

"The total number of men encamped in the vicinity of American Lake is about 5000. Oregon has two regiments, Washington one, and the remainder are men of the regular army."

"One of the boys was requested to secure 50 yards of skirmish line, and innocently went to nearly every officer in the camp before he discovered the joke that had been played on him."

"The boys are enjoying their work immensely and are rapidly acquiring form and confidence, and when the company strikes camp this week, they will have gained a considerable amount of useful knowledge for future use in drill work and tactics."

### Spaulding Company Grows.

A recent dispatch from Albany published in the Oregonian announces that the C. K. Spaulding Logging Company has at last become identified with Albany through the purchase of the C. W. Spink lumber yards in that city. The Spaulding Company is becoming one of the largest and most powerful concerns of its kind in the Northwest. It has recently acquired the sawmill of the Dallas Lumber Company together with its extensive timber holdings in the vicinity of Dallas, and has also possession of six other large mills in other important cities of the Willamette Valley.

Percy M. Stroud and Miss Hope Rodgers, both students at the Monmouth Normal, were married Friday at the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. M. P. Dixon officiating. They will make their home in Monmouth, temporarily.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Crider, of Dallas, are among the recent arrivals in the city of tents at Nye Creek.—Telegram.

## GAINS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Evangelical Association Formally Adopts Dallas College, Practically Doubling Its Resources.

Dr. C. A. Mock, president of Dallas College, returned Friday from attending the Union Campmeeting of the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association, held at Jennings Lodge near Portland last week. This meeting, he says, has been one of primary importance for Dallas College, and resolutions were adopted which will mean the opening of an era of unprecedented prosperity for that institution in every respect.

The Evangelical Association has formally adopted Dallas College as its representative educational institution on the Pacific Coast, which means that, in that transaction, Dallas College practically doubled its strength and its resources. Where it was formerly



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erally forced to rely principally upon the membership of the United Evangelical Church for its patronage, it is now backed by the additional patronage of the Evangelical Association, and its attendance must necessarily show a marked and permanent increase in the future.

While no immediate financial assistance from the new denomination can reasonably be expected, it will be a matter of only a very short time until matters may be shaped so as to assure this also, and the college may look for a period of greater prosperity than she has enjoyed at any previous time. The Evangelical Association having no other representative school on the Pacific Coast, the strength and stability of their additional patronage and support can be readily imagined.

It is the purpose of the two denominations to co-operate in both church and school affairs in the future, and the resolutions adopted at Jennings Lodge last week are regarded by the leading men of both denominations as the first step toward their ultimate organic union.

The United Evangelical Church has granted the Evangelical Association the privilege of electing a representative on the board of trustees of Dallas College, and the Rev. Hoover, of Monmouth, has been nominated to that position, thus bringing it about that the new clientele of the institution may have an immediate and active part in its conduct.

Another forward step which is rumored to be pending, is the union of Dallas and Philomath colleges. Although no formal negotiations have been entered into by the parties of either side, there is a strong sentiment in favor of such a move among the members of the Evangelical Church, represented by Dallas College, and of the United Brethren, represented by Philomath.

Should this plan be carried through, with the energies and support of three strong denominations crystallized about it, Dallas College will become one of the strongest and most progressive denominational schools in Oregon, and will be placed in a position to have a wider and more beneficial influence in this state than any of its other educational institutions, with the exception of the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon.

Dallas College has excited considerable comment in the Northwest, because of its rapid and stable growth during the few years of its existence as a college, but the progress in the coming years, which recent occurrences seem to presage, bids fair to be even more rapid, more stable and more extensive than has been enjoyed at any time in the past.

Frank Loughary returned to his home near Luckiamute, Friday, after a visit with his brother, U. S. Loughary.

Ralph McColm left Monday evening for Dallas where he has employment in the lumber yard.—Dayton Optimist.

## BUILD MANY SCHOOLHOUSES

Nine Polk County Districts Lead Movement—15 More Will Follow Soon.

New schoolhouses here, new schoolhouses there! Not for years has this branch of educational advancement in Polk county received such an impulse as during the present summer. It seems almost as if the school boards in the various districts had all awakened at the same time to the need of the school children for comfortable and commodious quarters, and had all started in at once to raise the "old country schoolhouse" out of its proverbial condition of unfitness, to a place where it can be compared with the more favored city districts.

In nine of the rural districts a total sum of \$14,800 will be expended in the erection of new schoolhouses, while new additions and extensive repairs in 15 other districts will swell the sum to be applied on schoolhouse improvements to a still larger figure.

The list of the districts that will build or have already built this summer, and the cost of the new schoolhouses, are as follows:

Lewisville	\$ 1,000
Airle	1,600
Oakdale	1,000
Grand Ronde	1,000
Dist. 67 (East of Dallas)	800
McCoys	1,500
Lincoln	1,500
Ballston	5,000
North Dallas	1,500
Total	\$14,800

Improvements and additions to schoolhouses are contemplated in Independence, Dallas and many other districts.

### Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the Court House in Dallas, as follows:

#### FOR STATE PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, August 12 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday August 15 at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, school law.

#### FOR COUNTY PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, August 12 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 14 at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading, physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature.

Yours truly,

H. C. SEYMOUR,

School Superintendent of Polk Co.

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### Dates Set For Poultry Show.

Claud Shaw, one of the most enthusiastic members of the Polk County Poultry Raisers' Association, says that the committee is preparing for an even bigger and better show this year than was held last, and already they have fixed the date and are hard at work on the preparations. Such interest taken in last year's show that several of the prominent men of Polk county have promised to furnish valuable cups for the prize list, and the committee hopes to be able to hold out much better inducements to exhibitors this year than they could last. The dates for the exhibit have been set at December 16, 17 and 18, and Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, will be secured for Judge again this year, his work having given excellent satisfaction during the 1907 exhibit.

J. R. Shepard has returned from a trip to Klickitat county, Eastern Washington, where he has been investigating a large tract of land, for a Portland firm. Mr. Shepard stated that the wonderfully fertile tract of land lying north of the Columbia river which heretofore had been used by sheep men for grazing purposes, is coming into great demand on account of the opening of the new North Bank road.—Salem Statesman.

One passenger coach was filled Monday morning with O. N. G. boys from Dallas on their way to the annual encampment of the Oregon and Washington National Guards at American Lake, where they will participate in joint maneuvers and field work for ten days.—Newberg Graphic.

J. S. Cooper, wife and daughter, of Independence, and Dr. A. Starbuck, of Dallas, are among the late comers at Nye Creek. They will remain for two weeks.—Telegram.

Prof. W. Petters, of the State Normal at Monmouth, and Mrs. Petters, are visiting friends and relatives in this city.—Tillamook Headlight.

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## BARNUM & BAILEY COMING

Will Make One Day Stand in Salem on Thursday, August 27, 1908.

It is a pleasure to announce the fact that on Thursday, August 27, the Barnum and Bailey Show will give two performances in Salem, thus affording an opportunity to the people of this city to visit the greatest amusement enterprise the world has ever known.

For fifty-four years the Barnum and Bailey show has led the world in all matters pertaining to big amusements. There is not a country on earth where it is not as well known as in America, nor a city of any size in the world where its mammoth tents have not been pitched. Royalty has applauded it and the peasantry has marveled at it, and all the world, civilized and savage, has contributed to its multiplicity of attractions.

The spirit of its great founder, one of the most wonderful men in all history, P. T. Barnum, still lives in the policy of the present management, while the perfect system put into operation by the great James A. Bailey, is still in operation. This season the show is much larger than ever before, and additional interest attaches to it because the parade, a feature which for several seasons has been missing, is again in its place.

For four years artists, sculptors and mechanics have been working day and night at the foreign work-shops of the show at Stock-on-Trent, England, building this great street pageant, and the result of their labors now is expressing itself in the most costly and longest street parade that ever passed through the streets of any city.

The program in the great exhibition tent opens with a new spectacle. The acts that follow are all European and of great novelty and variety. Of the 375 performers, nearly 300 have never toured America before. The climax of the bill is the most daring and awful exhibition of nerve and death-daring ever attempted. The act is called "Autos that Pass in the Air."

As the name briefly explains, it is the passing of two automobiles high above the heads of the people, while leaping a 50-foot gap. The velocity is gained by a lightning-like dash down a steep incline, one machine hugging close behind the other. A sharp upward terminal of the track sends the automobiles up into space. One gracefully arches across the gap to a spring platform, the other turning a complete somersault around it and landing behind it.

The circus this season numbers 1,500 people, 700 horses, 108 cages of animals, 5 railroad trains, 20 camels and nearly all the elephants in America.

### Krebs Will Enforce Payment.

Judge William Galloway today overruled a motion for amendment findings of fact in the Krebs-Livesley hop suit, and has refused to stay execution. Krebs has judgement for \$10,000 and is proceeding to enforce payment. The suit has attracted wide attention in hop circles because of the prominence of the parties and the magnitude of the contract. The contract provided for the delivery of 100,000 pounds of hops each year for five years at 14 cents. The contract has two years yet to run. Livesley is the purchaser.—Oregonian.

### Notice to Contractors.

The clerk of the school board of district No. 8 will receive sealed bids for the construction of a schoolhouse in said district. Bids to be filed with the clerk on or before Thursday, August 20, at 10 o'clock a. m. Plans and specifications may be found with the clerk of the school board; in the office of the County School Superintendent; or at the Falls City Bank, in Falls City. The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted. W. M. Smith, Clerk of School Board, District No. 8, Monmouth R. F. D. 1.

### Morris Darter Released.

The hearing of Morris Darter, accused of forgery, was held before Justice of the Peace Hardy Holman, Friday morning. Previous to the hearing, the boy had made full confession and all of the money drawn on the forged checks had been recovered. On motion of the prosecuting attorney the case was dismissed and on payment of costs the prisoner was released, his previous record having been perfectly clear.

C. S. McDevitt says that the Freedland Mining Company has been promised \$200 from Marion county for the construction of a road to its mines in the Cascade Range. The road being now assured, steps are being taken for the immediate construction of a big 100-ton smelter to handle the output of ore from the mines.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Percy M. Stroud and Hope Rodgers, and to W. L. Arant and Norma E. Daniel this week.

Mrs. W. Tyler Smith returned Tuesday from Dallas where she has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Craven.—Sheridan Sun.

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